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**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2005 5:02 PM  
**To:** Melissa Miller-Henson; preilly@dfg.ca.gov  
**Subject:** City of Pacific Grove Resolution of Support

Dear Paul and Melissa,

At their meeting last night, the City Council of the City of Pacific Grove approved the attached Resolution supporting the designation of the Pacific Grove Marine Refuge as a State Marine Reserve under the California Marine Life Protection Act of 1999 with the recommendation that existing hand kelp harvesters are exempted from the prohibition of taking marine plant life.

Please feel free to forward this document as appropriate. If you have questions or need anything further, I can be reached by e-mail at [jfindlen@ci.pg.ca.us](mailto:jfindlen@ci.pg.ca.us) or at the numbers listed below.

Sincerely,

Jean-Marie

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 5-035**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF THE PACIFIC GROVE MARINE REFUGE AS A STATE MARINE RESERVE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT (MLPA) OF 1999.**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Pacific Grove have a long history of leadership in protecting our environment, including the inter-tidal area along our coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, Pacific Grove's economy, public health, and environment is directly tied to the health of Monterey Bay and our inter-tidal coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, there is increasing scientific evidence that human activities pose long term threats to marine ecosystems and ocean life; and

**WHEREAS**, there is strong scientific evidence that marine protected areas, including marine reserves and water quality protection areas, restore and protect the natural diversity and abundance of marine life, and the structure, function and integrity of marine ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, California adopted the Marine Life Protection Act to provide improved protection for the diversity and abundance of California's ocean habitats through a network of marine protected areas with six goals:

1. To protect the natural diversity and abundance of marine life, and the structure, function, and integrity of marine ecosystems.
2. To help sustain, conserve, and protect marine life populations, including those of economic value, and rebuild those that are depleted.
3. To improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal human disturbance, and to manage these uses in a manner consistent with protecting biodiversity.
4. To protect marine natural heritage, including protection of representative and unique marine life habitats in California waters for their intrinsic value.
5. To ensure that California's Marine Protected Areas have clearly defined objectives, effective management measures, and adequate enforcement, and are based on sound scientific guidelines.
6. To ensure that the state's Marine Protected Areas are designed and managed, to the extent possible, as a network; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1952 the City established the Pacific Grove Marine Refuge by adopting Chapter 14.04 of the Pacific Grove Municipal Code;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City Council of the City of Pacific Grove hereby supports the designation of the Pacific Grove Marine Refuge as a State Marine Reserve under the California Marine Life Protection Act with the

recommendation that existing hand kelp harvesters are exempted from the prohibition of taking marine plant life.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE**  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: Costello, Cort, Bennett, Goldbeck, Nilmeier

NOES: Miller, Schenk

ABSENT: NONE

APPROVED:

  
JAMES W. COSTELLO, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JAMES J. COLANGELO, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney